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HICKS DOES IT AGAIN.

The cheerful Mr. Hicks, known hither and thither as a weather prognosticator, says that June will be a record-breaker for bad weather. He prophesies storms, frosts, earthquakes, blizzards, high winds, hail and other sorts of phenomena not at all in keeping with sweet peas and delicate June brides. Having had unspeakable weather conditions for these many moons, Mr. Hicks cannot make the people feel any worse than they do. The weather has ceased to be a joke and Mr. Hicks' iconoclastic pessimism should be bottled up and thrown in the old Mississippi at St. Loney. Don't add to our troubles, Hicksey, old Hick!

A FRIEND AT COURT.

News of great importance to the Calumet region comes from Washington. It is to the effect that Colonel W. H. Bixby, formerly government engineer of the Chicago district, is to be made a brigadier general and chief of the United States army engineering corps within a few weeks.

Until his transfer some eighteen months ago Colonel Bixby was the government's district engineer with jurisdiction over Chicago, South Chicago, Gary and Michigan City harbors and the adjacent rivers. He was enthusiastic over the Calumet region and his recommendations to the secretary of war were always in favor of the Calumet district in preference to the ill-fated harbor at Chicago. This course offended the wealthy interests who champion the Chicago harbor and Colonel Bixby suddenly found his activities curtailed by a transfer to a western post. That has always been the fate of the army engineer who performed his duty by showing the superiority of the Calumet region.

An example of Colonel Bixby's opinion of the Calumet region may be found in the following letter addressed to Captain H. S. Norton, president of the Gary Commercial club. Under date of July 27, 1908, the engineer penned these prophetic words:

"I desire to thank you specially for your invitation of last week to the 'Opening of Gary Harbor,' and for the pleasure which it gave me to accept and be present.
"The possibilities of Gary are enormous; its starts today with the advantages which Chicago acquired only after many years of hard struggles. If properly handled, Gary and its adjoining towns may in fifteen to twenty years rival, if not surpass, Chicago as a commercial and manufacturing community. May it successfully arrive at position."

As the head of the engineering corps the people of the Calumet region may rest assured that he will not forget them. In the executive there will now rest the power and the opportunity to carry out the unaccepted plans of the subordinate.

Col. Bixby has earned a well-merited promotion and the Calumet region is more than glad that he gets it.

IF THIS IS TRUE WE WANT TO KNOW IT.

Nobody reads editorials except the proofreader who is paid to read them, and all things considered, is much underpaid. The newspaper editorial has become a mere piece of stage property. It exists not to influence public opinion, but for the sake of appearances. A newspaper without editorials would not look right. The newspaper reader likes to feel that the newspaper he is reading is thundering about something. He doesn't care what, but it must have some opinions and some serious purpose as a backbone and skeleton for the rest of it.—Charles Russell.

We believe that those people who subscribe for newspapers do read the editorials where they treat of timely topics and are written in such a way that it is not necessary to have an editorial in one hand and a diagram in the other in order to comprehend them. There is little question but what long-winded diatribes, scanty of ideas and long on words, do bore the average newspaper reader and are passed up in weariness for something not so sudden and heavy. Newspapers are curious to know how many of their subscribers read the editorials printed in their columns, and we confess a lively curiosity as to how many read these editorial columns, or whether they are, as Mr. Russell says, "not worth reading." We propose therefore to conduct a little experiment. We want to know whether or not TIMES editorials are read by the people who take the paper, or whether or not they are worth reading. Hence we will give ten dollars for the best expression of opinion on the subject, the only conditions being that the opinion must be written by a subscriber to the paper and that it must not be over 100 words in length. Here's your chance to get a little easy money.

THE POPE'S BIRTHDAY.

The Holy Father of the Roman Catholic church, Pius X, is 75 years of age today and His Holiness' birthday anniversary will bring him the good wishes and prayers of all the Catholics in the world today. Time flies and the pope is getting to be an old man.

Pius X. has now occupied the chair of St. Peter for nearly seven years, having been elected to succeed the late Pope Leo XIII. on Aug. 4, 1903. In origin Pius X. is in many respects the opposite of his predecessor, who was of aristocratic birth and a deep scholar. The parents of the present pontiff were humble peasant folk, but deeply religious. The pope retains much of the peasant spirit. During his administration he has displayed great zeal in all his work and has shown rare ability as an organizer. He is an eloquent preacher and an able diplomatist, but has never aimed to excel in purely scholarly attainments. Unlike the most of those who have risen to eminence in the Catholic church he has but slight acquaintance with foreign languages. In fact, his native tongue is the only one which he has mastered, though he has a slight knowledge of French and German.

GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

As we have repeatedly pointed out it is a very coarse bit of work to be calling a man down before he has finished the job and the criticisms that have been heaped on Census Supervisor Doran in this locality because of the census are not at all justifiable. Mr. Doran was in Gary last night and put things in an entirely different light as far as the Gary census is concerned. Gary wants to make a splendid census showing. She is entitled to it. She must have it. It was perfectly proper to meet to go over the situation and see that steps are taken to count every soul in the city who should be counted, but to get wild-eyed and frantic about it, to paw the air and palaver idiotically—how silly! Give the census men a chance and prod up those who haven't been counted.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

AND the coal man persists in smiling!

WHAT is the official straw hat day, anyway?

WE should hate to tell the Whiting. Call what WE consider a joke.

JUST think, Mr. Roosevelt isn't accounted in the census either.

KEEP right on being silent, Mr. Kern. It suits the republicans.

NOT much joy in poring over summer resorts ads this weather.

IN other words, we want a little upward revision in the weather.

F. W.—No; we had no time to read Speaker Cannon's latest squeal.

ANYWAY we shall soon know what Mr. Peterson really meant when he said "but."

OF course, the democrats are pleased at the outlook, much better than they are at the look-in.

PERHAPS when Senator Shively seeks a return match he may decide to say something.

MAY be the professors are now dreaming of Halley, and the mocking bird is singing where he lies.

THE things that never happen cause people far more worry than the real vexations that come along day by day.

CHICAGO announces a slight cut in beef. Yes, we notice the cuts have been getting slighter and slighter right along.

SAY, what has become of the old-fashioned woman who used to get up before breakfast and do a hard day's work?

EVERY once in a while you hear of some Lake county schoolboy who has won honors in studying as well as on the athletic field.

IF you want to make a man feel mean stand over him while he works. If he doesn't feel like swearing he is a funny sort of a man.

PROTEST of Frisco clergymen against the Jeffries-Johnson fight will not stop Larry Wallsmith of Hammond from seeing the bout.

AN Englishman shot himself because he was going baldheaded at 24. Shucks. Some of us have long passed that age and are enjoying the affliction.

WHEN you read about a Gary blind pig keeper being fined, you simply have to take out your handkerchief and wipe off your glasses again.

NOW that the comet danger has passed we may look forward any day to another yawper predicting some disaster that he knows nothing of.

"LORIMER'S Silence is Broken," reads a headline. That isn't the only thing about Lorimer that's broken, however. He's a bird with a broken pinion.

INDIANA woman has been arrested for beating her husband. We do not believe that the rights of women ought to be taken away from them altogether.

THERE is nothing that makes a man happier when he sits down in a barber chair and doesn't understand a single thing that the strop man is talking about.

ON studying carefully the pictures from the play, "Chanticleer," we venture the opinion that it is a fine play, only some of the pullets seem too old to even stew.

WE are told that variety is the spice of life, and judging from some of the varieties we see in life we are forced to ask just how much the spice really amounts to.

WE don't wish California any bad luck, but if she had an earthquake that wouldn't shake up anyone else but Jeffries and the nigger, a lot of people would die happy.

WE are much interested in the progress made by a woman who is suing her husband for divorce, because she stutters. We have known women who won't let their husbands even stutter.

IT is too bad that a baby can't do anything harsher than emit a muffled roar when some antique with stubby whiskers, who eats tobacco, persists in massaging the infant's frontispiece and calls it a kiss.

Chicago Normal School Girls to Present Drama "AS YOU LIKE IT"



Mary F. Swan as Rosalind

Margaret C. O'Brien as Orlando



Mary McDermott as Celia

Sylvia Lammers as Oliver

"As You Like It" will be given by an all girl cast at the Chicago Normal School this afternoon. Rosalind, Orlando, Touchstone, Jacques, Celia, Charles, the wrestler, and the banished duke, with their attendant courtiers, villagers and foresters, will be portrayed by the future school teachers in classic Elizabethan costume of doublet, hose and jerkin. Rosalind and Orlando will be played by Miss Mary F. Swan and Margaret C. O'Brien. Miss Mary McDermott will be Celia, Miss Helen Zurawski will be Touchstone, Miss Madeline Thorud will be Audrey, and Oliver will be played by Miss Sylvia Lammers. Rehearsals for the production have been in progress for several weeks under the direction of Miss Virginia Freeman.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

SOUR GRAPES.

For I, the Lord, am a jealous God and will visit the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of them that hate me.

It is a direful law. And poetic, but portentous, is that other Scripture which declares:

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

It is said the little eldest son of the king of Spain is already showing the effect of ancestral sins—defects of speech and hearing.

Replying to rumors that the boy is deaf and dumb, the prime minister denies the report, but it is evident from his statement that the poor boy is defective in some respects.

And small wonder. Centuries upon centuries of the corruption that has wrecked the bodies and minds of the lad's forbears are behind him. He is the sum of his ancestors.

The degeneracy and vice, the ancestral excesses and madness, have all been heaped upon the head of this eldest child. Queen Victoria, the boy's mother, is a granddaughter of Queen Victoria of England and is a strong, vigorous woman. It is an open secret that she was chosen by King Alfonso and his advisers in the hope that she would strengthen the royal blood. Apparently the experiment could not save the child.

The sins of the fathers! The father, King Alfonso, is a virtuous and well intentioned young ruler, but the stigma of ancestral vice is upon him.

He has undergone three operations on his throat—the one spot most visited by the sins of the fathers—and physicians predict that his life will be shortened thereby.

The fathers have eaten sour grapes. Poor royal babe, the victim of the wicked kings of Spain! And unfortunate father, himself a victim! And poor mother, doomed perhaps to early widowhood and unhappiness through her child!

Do you remember the catastrophe on the wedding day of Alfonso and Victoria? A bomb was aimed at the royal couple, and the explosion killed a number of the royal suit.

Perhaps it is of some significance that the queen's first child should be deficient of hearing. However that may be—

Remember, O man or woman, the eating of sour grapes does not end with the eating. Your evil is not interred with your bones, but lives on in the blood of your children—to the third and fourth generation!

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

June 2.

1773—John Randolph, American statesman, born in Virginia. Died in Philadelphia, June 24, 1813.

1800—First municipal court established in Boston.

1865—Galveston, Texas, surrendered to the federal troops.

1869—The Massachusetts state senate refused to grant the right to suffrage to women.

1878—One hundred houses destroyed by tornado at Richmond, Va.

1882—Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian liberator, died. Born July 22, 1807.

1890—Duke and Duchess of Connaught welcomed to Montreal.

1893—The "high-water mark" monument at Gettysburg dedicated.

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1893—French court of cassation decided in favor of the revision of the Dreyfus verdict.

1901—James A. Horne, noted actor and playwright, died in New York City.

1905—President Roosevelt offered his services as a mediator to end the war between Japan and Russia.

THIS IS MY 65TH BIRTHDAY.

Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, U. S. A., retired, the twelfth and last American officer to reach the rank of lieutenant general, was born in Massachusetts, June 2, 1845. He was still an infant when his parents removed to Wisconsin and settled in Milwaukee. His father was the late Judge Arthur MacArthur, who served as lieutenant governor of Wisconsin.

In 1862, when seventeen years old, young MacArthur was commissioned first lieutenant and adjutant of the Twenty-fourth Wisconsin regiment. He received his baptism of fire at the battle of Perryville. Later he took part in the great battles of Stone River, Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. When he was mustered out at the close of the war he had not yet attained his majority. After a few months' rest at home he re-entered the military service as a captain in the regular army.

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